

The FCC should not implement any policies or propose laws that would diminish the protections we receive from the telephone privacy laws we currently have in Indiana. Our family signed up for telephone privacy in March of this year and the service has been in place since summer 2002. Prior to having this invaluable service, we would receive at least fifteen unsolicited calls from telemarketers, vendors, and other salespeople. I operate my consulting business from my home and this created a serious annoyance to me as I was distracted from my work. Moreover, as our family sat at dinner, the typical phone barrage created so much of a problem, that we stopped answering the phone between 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. If our family needed to get through to us, they used my cell phone, creating an added expense and hassle. We currently get about one call every other week and these are from nonprofits, which are not as much of an intrusion.

If you'd like to displace a system that is working for us in Indiana, then continue along the road you're paving. But please consider the impacts before taking these federal steps.